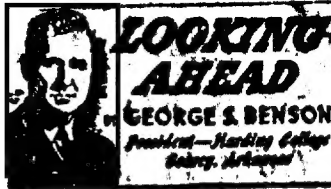


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# **NANCY YOUNT AMERICAN PATRIOT**

Last Spring Nancy Yount was 17, a beautiful, intelligent high school senior in the little mining town of Kellogg, Idaho, population 5,000. But there was something special about Nancy Yount. She was to demonstrate qualities of leadership which challenge every American and particularly our American governmental leadership. Nancy Yount, and what she has done, constitute a ringing challenge to the new Kennedy administration of our national government; a challenge, in fact, to the whole free world.

Nancy Yount has met Communism head-on and has defeated it. She came down to Kansas City from the mountains of northern Idaho to tell her story to the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. In competition with Allen Dulles, chief of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency; famed counterspy Herbert Philbrick, and noted international authorities, she stole the show. Herbert Philbrick introduced Nancy, now a freshman at Idaho State University. He said she represented America's best hope to defeat Communism—our nation's courageous, dynamic, patriotic youth.

## **Commies Take Over**

Nancy's story began last May. The International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, kicked out of the CIO years ago because of its Communist domination and yet permitted to continue to wield great power in the nation's economic life, struck the major mining enterprises of Kellogg. The economic life of the town was crippled. The union international sent two of its officers to direct a brutal campaign of coercion and violence against opposition. Both had been convicted of falsely signing non-Communist affidavits.

"We had some teachers in our schools who knew of the Communist leadership in the union," Nancy said. "I talked to some of them, then I talked to some of my fellow students. We saw these well-known Communists come into our community and try to roughshod over everybody. We didn't like it."

Nancy arose as the leader of a student movement to fight the Communist domination of their community.

## **Students Lead**

"There were just a few girls at first," she said. "We went to the boys and many of them came in with us. We held a meeting, elected officers. Then we held a second meeting and invited all students and teachers. Three hundred came. We reported on the situation and made other plans. We agreed we'd need a little money. Our 300 students contributed \$30 among themselves—out of lunch money and things like that. We planned a parade and a rally to arouse the community."

"At first many parents wouldn't go along with us. They were afraid. The Mine and Mill union officials were vicious; they tried to block us every step of the way. They tried to block our meeting at the school. They called us kids 'anti-labor' and 'anti-American.' The Communists in the union boldly threatened violence. They telephoned the Attorney General and told him there would be violence unless our student movement was suppressed. An Assistant Attorney General came to make an investigation. He was under heavy political pressure from the union. The situation was tense. But by now many of our parents were publicly coming into the fight."

## **Defeat For Reds**

"Wide publicity was given to our fight against these Communists. We received letters from all over the nation offering aid. The Assistant Attorney General refused to halt our movement. This was a blow to the Communists. We held our rally. The school gym was half filled with enthusiastic kids and grownups. The parents organized a committee. They brought in nationally known anti-Communist speakers. Then we held the parade. The whole community turned out."

"The union leaders were bitter. The strike goes on, but among the rank and file workers there has been formed a new anti-Communist organization, the Northwest Metal Workers Union, and the NLRB has been asked to call an election to decide our jurisdiction. We are hopeful that the Communists will win."

"We have won a battle but we haven't won the war. But we hope that what we have done will encourage all Americans that every body can do something in the fight against Communism. This is a great challenge to accept it— and begin to do something."

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